

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0344

Title: Fishery value consideration when purchasing wildlife easements

Primary

Sponsor: Bob Raney

Status: As introduced

Sponsor: _____ Date _____

Dave Lewis, Budget Director _____ Date _____

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	\$4,208	\$7,208
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	(\$4,208)	(\$7,208)
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget	X		Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Three major land habitat easements will be acquired per year by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
2. Each easement will require a field inventory of streams on the property to determine species present and population numbers.
3. Each easement will require the development of management goals for the fishery and fishery input into the EA for the easement or acquisition.
4. Each easement will require three days of work for a grade 8, fish field worker and five days of work for a grade 15, fish/wildlife biologist.

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5. Each easement will incur approximately \$500 in additional operating expenses (travel, per diem, and equipment use).
6. The long term monitoring of the fisheries habitat will cost approximately \$1000 per year for each additional easement. Monitoring expenses will not be incurred until FY 2001.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:

	<u>FY2000</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2001</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	0.09	0.09
Personal Services	\$2,708	\$2,708
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
TOTAL	\$4,208	\$7,208

Funding:

State Special Revenue (02)	\$4,208	\$7,208
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):

State Special Revenue (02)	(\$4,208)	(\$7,208)
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LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

Costs for monitoring conservation easement interests will be increased in order to evaluate the impacts of various activities on the fisheries values intended to be protected. This monitoring may require more specialized personnel trained in that particular field. As an example, easements intended to preserve timber habitats, have required contracted services of professional foresters in order to set up the monitoring baseline data for future reference and it is to be expected that future monitoring may require those additional services for future interpretation. As more easements with fisheries values are acquired, the monitoring costs would increase respectively.